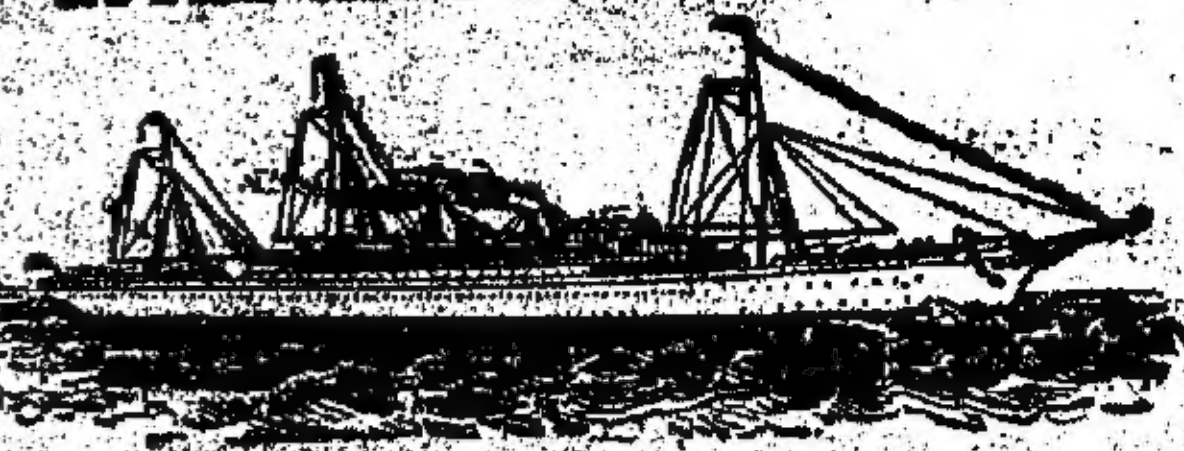


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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN

MAIL

(Yika,	catty	—	—	花紋	魚
Plaice,	"	—	—	斑白	魚
Pomfret, White,	"	200	—	斑白	魚
Pomfret, Black,	"	140	—	黑明	魚
Pomfret,	"	250	—	明	魚
Ray,	"	50	—	玳瑁	沙
Rock Fish,	"	90	80	石狗	公
Roach,	"	—	—	馬魚	魚
Salmon, (Canton),	"	260	—	鮭	魚
Shark,	"	50	—	鯊	魚
Salt Fish,	"	100	—	鹹	魚
Slate,	"	100	—	鹹	魚
Shrimps,	"	140	—	蝦	魚
Snapper,	"	220	—	立	魚
Soles,	"	160	—	立	魚
Tench,	"	—	—	鮪	魚
Turbot,	"	140	—	鮪	魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	"	550	—	左	魚
Whiting,	catty	70	—	長	魚
White Bait,	"	90	—	像	魚
Fruits.				菓子	
Apples, (California),	catty	—	—	金	山
" (Tientsin),	"	180	—	平	果
" (Japan),	"	230	—	天	平
Bananas, fragrant,	"	40	—	日	本
" (brides),	"	50	—	香	香
Chestnuts, Chinese,	"	150	—	省	無
Carambola,	"	150	—	山	香
Cocanuts,	each	50	—	果	糖
Ground Nuts,	catty	90	—	山	香
Grapes,	"	170	—	香	糖
Lemons, China,	"	100	—	山	香
" Peas,	"	—	—	果	糖
Lichees, Fruit,	"	260	—	山	香
" Wreath,	"	150	—	香	糖
Limes,	"	—	—	山	香
Alango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	山	香
" (Manila),	"	—	—	山	香
Mangosteens,	dozen	—	—	山	香
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	200	—	山	香
" Green,	"	100	—	山	香
" Red,	"	—	—	山	香
Olives,	"	—	—	山	香
Pine-apples,	each	80	—	山	香
Pears,	catty	100	—	山	香
" (Tientsin),	"	300	—	山	香
Peach, Red,	"	60	—	山	香
Pamelo,	each	130	—	山	香
" (Siam),	catty	80	—	山	香
Peach, (Sweet),	"	120	—	山	香
Raisins, Muscatel,	"	—	—	山	香
" Pudding,	"	—	—	山	香
Water Okanuta, com.,	"	40	—	山	香
" Mandarin,	"	60	—	山	香

Vegetables, &c.				蔬菜
Artichokes, Shanghai, .	catty	—	—	上海洋蔥
Beans, (French), .	"	120	—	什豆
" Long, .	"	50	—	長豆
Beet Root, .	each	30	—	紅菜根
Brinjals, Green, .	catty	—	—	青茭菜
" Red, .	"	30	—	紅茭菜
Brassica, .	"	40	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, .	"	70	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com. .	"	30	—	白菜
Cabbage, .	each	90	—	白菜
Cauliflowers, .	"	—	—	花椰菜
Carrots, .	catty	80	—	金針
Celery, Chinese, .	"	130	—	芹
" English, .	"	—	—	洋芹
Chilies Dried, .	"	180	—	紅花
" Red, .	"	60	—	紅花
Curry Stalk, English, .	"	40	—	加厘
Cucumbers, .	"	40	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash, .	"	30	—	苦瓜
Gazelle, .	"	40	—	葫蘆
Ginger, young, .	"	60	—	幼薑
Horse Radish, Shet, .	"	180	—	根菜
Indian Corn, .	piece	30	—	玉米
Lettuce, (English), .	each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, .	catty	—	—	鮮菇
Onions, Bombay, .	"	60	—	洋蔥
" Green, .	"	30	—	生蔥
" Shanghai, .	"	50	—	上海蔥
" Japan, .	"	40	—	日本蔥
Okraes, .	"	80	—	毛茭
Parley, English, .	bundle	10	—	洋蔥
Potatoes, Sweet, .	catty	20	—	蜜仔
" Shanghai, .	"	40	—	上海蜜仔
" Japan, .	"	30	—	日本蜜仔
" American, .	"	—	—	美國蜜仔
" Footchow, .	"	—	—	潮州蜜仔
" Macao, .	"	30	—	澳門蜜仔
Pumpkin, .	"	50	—	南瓜
Purslane, .	"	5	4	豬仔菜
Papaw, .	"	\$6	80	木瓜
Radish, .	dozen	80	—	紅白
Rice, best quality, per picul, .		\$4.50	—	白米
" Doonam, .	"	\$6.10	—	白米
Shallots, .	catty	80	—	蒜
Sprouts, (Chinese) .	"	—	—	豆苗
Squash, .	"	30	—	葫蘆
Swart Onions, .	"	40	—	黑蔥
Tomatoes, .	"	30	—	蕃茄
Taro, .	"	\$6	14	芋頭
Taro, Pink, (Long), .	"	30	—	白芋
Watercress, .	"	30	—	水蔴
" (Long), .	"	—	—	水蔴
Winter Cress, .	"	5	—	水蔴

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

THE GOLD COAST.
London, June 27.—Numbers of Chinese miners who have had experience in Australia are to be sent to the Gold Coast to prospect for gold. The West African colonies will bear the expense.

June 23.—M. Bonvalet, the French explorer, who has been watching the British mission in Abyssinia, has stated that he is convinced that the superior methods of the British have enabled them to become great colonisers.

A DRAINED SHIP.
June 29.—The ship *Avenger*, bound from London to Melbourne, has put into Port Louis, Mauritius, with her mizenmast sprung. She encountered terrific weather, and three of the crew were washed overboard and drowned. The cargo is damaged by water.

The Avenger is an iron ship of 1300 tons net register, built in 1879 at Whitehaven, and is owned by Messrs W. Grice and Co., of London. She left London on 1st April with 2000 tons of general cargo for Melbourne, where she is consigned to Messrs M. Collier and Co., Limited. She is bound for London homeward, having to look for the wool season amongst other regular Melbourne sailing ships.]

FRIGATS TO THE COLONIES.
June 30.—A conference has been held between the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, Mr. W. F. Reeves, Agent General for New Zealand, Sir John Hall, ex-Premier of New Zealand, and the leading shipowners upon the question of a reduction in the rates of freight between the United Kingdom and New Zealand for the carrying of frozen meat. Mr. Seddon contended that the present rates should be reduced to a level with the scale of freights to Australia. The shipowners replied that the difference in the rates of freight to Australia and New Zealand respectively was owing to the fact that the United Kingdom is willing to meet the view of the New Zealand representatives wherever possible. The shipowners promised to take the question into their favourable consideration, and to give a reply shortly.

THE PACIFIC CABLE QUESTION.
 At the closing sitting of the conference between the colonial Premiers and Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain raised the question of preferential trade relations between the colonies and the mother country, which he referred to in general terms. The colonial Premiers, who had discussed the subject at a private meeting last week, said that they had arrived at a decision that it was impossible to submit definite proposals in the absence of information. They urged upon Mr. Chamberlain the desirability of appointing a committee of the empire to consider the question. The conference discussed the Pacific cable agreement. It is doubtful, however, whether an arrangement can be arrived at. The Premiers of South Australia and Western Australia oppose the Pacific cable scheme, while some of the other members of the conference share their misgivings of the question. The colonial Premiers announced that at a private meeting they had agreed to a renewal of the agreement with regard to the Australian Auxiliary Squadron. They had also discussed the question as to a larger contribution from the Australian Colonies to the cost of the British fleet, and came to the conclusion that it should be premature to entertain the proposal at present.

ANTI-TRUST LAW IN AMERICA.
 At the trial in New York City of 10 millionaires charged of the American Cigarette Trust as a charge of a breach of the Anti-trust Law, in attempting to compel dealers to sell only the cigarettes made by members of the trust, the jury were unable to agree. There were ten in favour of a conviction and two against it.—A new trial has been ordered.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.
 The House of Lords has by a majority of 17 rejected Lord Hobhouse's bill abolishing the provisions to the Act of 1791 punishing persons providing lectures and concerts on Sundays.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.
 In the House of Commons last night a motion by John Lubbock, for the reduction of the duty on tobacco, was negatived by 239 to 89.

MILITARY REVIEW AT ALDERHOT.
July 1.—The Queen held a great review at Aldershot today. Thirty thousand troops of all arms were present. The colonial contingents were in the line of march.

July 2.—General H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., in charge of the Aldershot district, commanded the forces, who numbered 27,000 men. There were 20 bands. The weather was warm.

The review was a brilliant success. The troops when formed in line extended three miles. The colonial troops under the command of Field-Marshal Lord Roberts marched past the saluting base at the head of the home troops and were enthusiastically cheered.

The New South Wales Mounted Rifles and Lancers, the Marine of the New Zealand Division, and the Infantry of the Buffs were especially cheered. The grey uniforms of the Victoria troops were very effective in appearance. The march past of the whole of the troops formed a magnificent spectacle. The cavalry and the artillery occupied half an hour in passing the saluting point, and the Infantry of the Buffs, the Queen's Own, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Cambridge headed their own regiments. The Queen was greatly interested in the review, and at the conclusion of the evolutions her Majesty departed amidst a demonstration of wild cheering. Many unattached colonial officers were present.

COLONIAL PREMIERS ENTERTAINED BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
July 1.—Mr. Chamberlain gave a grand dinner last night in honour of the colonial Premiers and their wives. The Premiers were the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, the Marquis and Marchioness of Ripon, the Earl and Countess of Salisbury, Lord and Lady Kimberley, Viscountess of Epsom, Lord and Lady Lowry, Lord and Lady Halsbury, and Mr. A. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury. A reception followed. The decorations were of a lavish character, and music was supplied by a Hungarian band.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE.
 At the adjourned conference between the colonial Premiers and Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain raised the question of preferential trade relations between the colonies and the mother country. There is a chance of reaching an agreement between the colonies and the mother country in the convention between Great Britain and France relating to the tobacco trade, under which the Powers mentioned are absolutely pledged to the sale of tobacco in their own colonies.

GRAND ARCADE AND THE DOCK.
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THE BRITISH ARMY IN EGYPT.
 Major-General Sir Francis W. Grenfell, Inspector-General of the Auxiliary Forces, War Office, has been appointed to succeed Major-General C. B. Knowles, C.B., in the command of the British forces in Egypt.

[Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, who has been Inspector-General of the auxiliary forces in Egypt since 1894, served in the Kaffir and Zulu wars, and also went through the Egyptian Expedition of 1882, and the Nile Expedition of 1884, and was appointed Sirdar of the Egyptian Army in 1885. He commanded the forces at Suakin in 1889.]

THE LOSS OF A RUSSIAN IRONCLAD.
 An enquiry has been appointed to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the loss of the Russian ironclad *Gungo*, which ran on an uncharted reef off Rondon Island, in the Baltic Sea, and subsequently sank. The vessel was repaired in the Naval Dockyards some time ago, and it is supposed that the work was badly carried out.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.
June 30.—In procuring the Volksraad of the Orange Free State to-day the President, Dr. T. Steyn, referred to the situation in South Africa, and said that the Government of British troops on the frontier kept alive the thought of battle, though the maintenance of peace was assured.

REVENUE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.
July 1.—The revenue of the United Kingdom for the past quarter amounts to £25,416,860. The Customs yielded £5,189,917, excise £7,357,838, and stamps £1,970,000.

THE FRENCH NAVY.
July 2.—Admiral Bonard, the French Minister for Marine, has announced that the Navy Estimates for 1898 amount to 234,000,000 francs (£11,390,000), being an increase of 20,000,000 francs (£1,040,000) on the estimate for the present year. The increase is chiefly due to the intonation of the navy authorities to build additional vessels.

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Hongkong Tides.
 The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the water-gauge at Victoria Harbour at Low Tide during the years 1887-89.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of Water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. to the zero, and on the gauge at Lemon Dock, Aberdeen, add 15 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

		HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
		Mean Tide.		Height.		Mean Tide.		Height.	
Day.	Hour.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
Wed.	30	11	4	1	1	6	0	11	4
Thurs.	30	11	15	1	1	5	1	11	15
Friday.	30	11	32	1	1	4	1	11	32
Sat.	31	11	48	1	1	3	1	11	48
Sun.	1	11	4	1	1	2	1	11	4
Mon.	1	11	15	1	1	1	1	11	15
Tues.	1	11	32	1	1	0	1	11	32
Wed.	1	11	48	1	1	0	1	11	48
Thurs.	1	11	4	1	1	0	1	11	4

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
July 16th.—at 4 P.M.

Station.	Locality.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Bar.
WFOcock	20.94	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	20.98	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	20.87	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	20.91	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gulfu	20.79	29	84	SE	4	ov	—
Shanghai	20.68	83	85	SE	5	ov	—
Amoy	20.66	83	83	SE	5</		

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